

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: SPREAD ILLUMINATING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 5 as follows:

A/ab'd 5. (Amended) The spread illuminating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said light guiding member is provided with a means for increasing reflection which improves light reflectance.

Please add new claims 6 and 7 as follows:

A/ab'd -- 6. The spread illuminating apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said light guiding member is provided with a means for increasing reflection which improves light reflectance.--